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**PATENT APPLICATION**  
**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Application No.: To Be Assigned/National Phase of }  
PCT/EP2005/001974 )  
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Examiner Name: }  
Attorney }  
Docket No.: 926504-103997 }  
First Named Inventor: Ralph Peter Hegler }  
Title: Pipe Construction Kit for Sewer Pipeline }

- [x] AUTHORIZATION TO PAY AND PETITION FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF ANY NECESSARY FEES. If any charges or fees must be paid in connection with the following Communication (including but not limited to the payment of Issue Fees), they may be paid out of our deposit account 12-0913. If this payment also requires a Petition, please construe this authorization to pay as the necessary Petition which is required to accompany this payment.
- [ ] Applicant hereby petitions for a       -month extension and entry of this Amendment which is sent within the        month after the due date of       , 2003. The payment of \$      .00 to cover the       -month extension is enclosed herewith.

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT FILED IN CONNECTION  
WITH NATIONAL PHASE OF PCT/EP2005/001974**

The present communication preliminarily amends in connection with entering the national phase stage of PCT/EP2005/001974.

Amendments are being made to the specification by way of a substitute specification. Submitted under separate cover is the substitute specification showing the amendments made to the immediate prior version. A clean copy of the substitute specification is enclosed. No new matter has been added.

The present preliminary amendment also amends the claims. Prior to the present communication, claims 1 through 12 were pending. The present communication cancels claims 2, 10 and 12. The present communication amends claims 1, 3-9 and 11. The present communication adds new claims 13 and 14. The amendments to the claims begin on Page 3.

No amendments have been made to the drawings.

The Remarks begin on Page 5.